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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EDITORIAL ON ANGOLA ENTITLED "TRAGIC BEGINNING" WHICH APPEARED IN GOVERNMENT-INFLUENCED NEW STRAITS TIMES OF NOVEMBER 13, 1975.

2. BEGIN TEXT "ALMOST EVERYONE IN INTERNATIONAL POWER GAME SEEMS TO BE HAVING HAND IN ANGOLA. RUSSIANS ARE THERE WITH AID FOR AGOSTINHO NETO'S POPULAR MOVEMENT WHICH IS IN CONTROL OF CAPITAL, LUANDA. CUBAN MILITARY ADVISERS ARE FIGHTING ALONG-SIDE NETO'S MEN AGAINST NATIONAL FRONT AND UNITA FOR CONTROL IF TERRITORY IN NORTH, EAST AND SOUTH. SEVERAL EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND ALGERIA HAVE ACCORDED RECOGNITION TO NETO'S GOVERNMENT AS SOLE LEGAL AUTHORITY OF ANGOLA.

ON OTHER SIDE, CHINESE HAVE LINED UP WITH AMERICANS TO CONDEMN SOVIET INTERFERENCE IN THAT COUNTRY. WHILE NEITHER HAS GIVEN RECOGNITION TO ANY ONE FACTION, THEY ARE BACKING FRONT'S HOLDEN ROBERTO AND HIS UNITA PARTNER JONES SAVIMBI. REPORTS HAVE IT THAT AMERICANS ARE PASSING ARMS SUPPLIES THROUGH PRESIDENT MOBUTU OF NEIGHBOURING ZAIRE WHO IS RELATED TO ROBERTO BY MARRIAGE, AND THAT GERMANS AND BELGIANS ARE ALSO CHANNELLING AID THROUGH KINSHASA CONNECTION.

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FROM SOUTH NEWS IS THAT SOUTH AFRICAN AND RHODESIAN SOLDIERS

ARE IN FRAY.

NOBODY AT THE MOMENT SEEMS TO BE INTERESTED IN
CALLING FOR ANY KIND OF INTERNATIONAL EFFORT TO STOP BLOOD-
LETTING. TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT HAS PROPOSED AN EXTRAORDINARY
MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, TO DISCUSS
SITUATION. BUT THAT WILL DEPEND ON APPROVAL OF AT LEAST TWO
THIRDS OF 46 MEMBER ORGANIZATION. BY TIME A DECISION MADE,
WAR COULD HAVE DEVELOPED INTO CONFLICT OF BIAFRA TYPE
PROPORTIONS. IT IS TRAGIC BEGINNING TO INDEPENDENCE." END
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